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**Manuscript Collection**

**Collection Title:** Peter C. Lane Personal Papers

**Dates Covered:** 1941-1995

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**Provenance:**

This collection was donated to the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center, by Mrs. Lillian C. Lane for the Jackson State University Exhibit on February 24, 1995. The artifacts were placed in the museum storage area.

**Restrictions:**

None

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**Biography/History:**

Peter C. Lane, associate teacher in the Biology Department and director of the Botanical Garden program at Jackson State College. He was a native of Hartford, Connecticut, received his early education. He holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia, and has done further study at South Carolina State College.



Mr. Lane has had wide experience in the public schools and the community in South Carolina as instructor, consultant, and writer. He served as an instructor in agricultural education at the Booker T. Washington High School, Columbia, South Carolina. In addition he was community consultant for landscaping, planting, decorating, and organizing garden clubs. He also wrote weekly articles on the garden club for the **Lighthouse** and the **Observer**.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lane has ensured his professional growth by traveling widely, making extensive visits to sites and attending conventions relevant to his professional work. He attended conferences at the Chicago world Flower and Garden Show in 1964, 1965, and 1966. He has also visited and observed the Bellingrath Gardens of Mobile, Alabama; The Botanical Gardens in New York City; the Arnold Arboretum in Boston; the Tuxedo Gardens, Tuxedo, New York; and the City Park Systems in Hartford, Connecticut.

At Jackson State University, where he has worked since 1941, his professional endeavors have varied widely. He has taught courses in the practical arts, biology, and plant science. In addition he has served as advisor to freshmen biology majors and has been responsible for campus landscaping. He has also served on numerous University committees.

Mr. Lane and his accomplishments have been featured in the Jackson newspapers. From 1956 to 1958 he wrote a weekly column, "The Gardeners," for the **Jackson State Times**. In 1969, the **Clarion Ledger-Jackson Daily News** published an Associated Press article reporting Mr. Lane's accomplishments in the development of the Botanical Gardens.

Mr. Lane is affiliated with numerous civic, religious and educational organizations. He is a member of: Sigma Epsilon Chapter of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Phi Delta Kappa Academy of Sciences, the American Association of University Professors, the Young Men's Christian Association, The Association of Southeastern Biologists, Beta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

He married to Mrs. Lillian Cade Lane who was an assistant professor of Reading at Jackson State University. He has one daughter, Mrs. Laverne L. Prager who currently resides at Beirut, Lebanon with her Husband, Karsten, a foreign correspondent for **Time** and their four children, Debra, Karsten, Jr., Nicole and Kevin.

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## Scope and Content:

This collection contains the personal correspondence of Mr. Lane, photographs, newspapers, and ephemera chronicling Mr. Lane's career and Jackson State University's growth from 1954-1974.

The papers are arranged by type of material and are divided into four series.

- **Series I: Correspondence**
- **Series II: Photographs**
- **Series III: Newspapers**
- **Series IV: Ephemera/Printed Material**

### Series I: Correspondence

F1 Mable Carney Chapter, Student NEA, Jackson State University, April 23, 1969

F2 Journal Article from Edward Harvey, 1972

F3 Correspondence: John A. Peoples to Peter C. Lane, November 15, 1974

F4 Correspondence: Bobbie Nell Oatis to Peter C. Lane, November 22, 1974

F5 Correspondence: Laverne Prager (daughter) to Peter C. Lane, October 5, 1975

F6 General Correspondence, n.d., 1975

F7 Correspondence, tributes, 1975, 14 items

F8 Condolence letters, 1984, 2 items



## **Series II: Photographs**

F1 Photographs, 8x10", black and white glossies, 7 items

F2 Photographs, black and white, 33 items

F3 Photographs, black and white, 5 items

F4 Photographs, black and white, 3 items; 5 pages photocopied from a scrapbook

F5 Photocopies of black and white photographs, 10 pages

F6 Photocopies of black and white photographs, 11 pages

## **Series III: Newspapers**

F1 Jackson Advocate, October 15, 1977, (fragile)

F2 Jackson State University Blue and White Flash, October 29, 1987, December 8, 1988 & April 4, 1991, 3 items

F3 Jackson Clarion-Ledger, April 13, 1969, section A

F4 Jackson Clarion-Ledger, April 13, 1969, section A

## **Series IV: Ephemera/Printed Material**

F1 Wedding Program for Rose Maria Parkman and Walter Louis Davis, July 1, 1973

F2 Retirement Reception, Jackson State University, May 14, 1975

F3 The Laboratory School in Action, Fall 1964

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F4 Peter C. Lane's Vita

F5 Peter C. Lane's biography from Jackson State University Spring Commencement Program, May 18, 1975

F6 Posters of Summer Flowers and Vegetables, 2 items

F7 Program of Presentation of the portrait of John R. Lynch to the Hall of Fame of the State of Mississippi, February 26, 1995

F8 The 1985 Annual Minority Business Directory

F9 1954 Jacksonian yearbook

F10 1974 Jacksonian yearbook

F11 History of the Botanical Gardens, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

F12 Miscellaneous photocopies

F13 Miscellany

